

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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ECONOMIC LOSS IN IMPORTS DUE TO FALL IN RUPEE VALUE

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in comparison to US dollars, the continuous decline in the value of Indian rupee has caused economic loss in imports to the country;
- (b) if so, the economic loss suffered by industries due to imports during the year 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;
- (c) the estimated loss suffered during first nine months of 2001-2002; and
- (d) the commodity on which maximum loss likely to be suffered during the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (c) : Exchange rate depreciation in general leads to increase in exports and make imports costlier. As such there is no economic loss to country on account of this.

As per the data available from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, value of imports and growth rate, in dollar terms, are following:

(US \$ Million)

Year	Imports	% Growth
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1998-99	42389	2.2
1999-2000	49671	17.2
2000-01	50537	1.7
2001-02 (P)		

(April-Dec.)	38362	0.31
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(d) : Major sectors which have registered positive growth during April-Sept., 2001-02 are following :

(US \$ Million)

Items	Imports	% Growth
Edible Oil	748.17	3.77
Non-ferrous Metals	324.95	17.59
Metalliferous Ores & Metal scrap	586.85	60.90
Gold & Silver	2619.45	22.20
Machinery	2041.90	8.33